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1. A report was received [redacted] by cable, the contents of which are paraphrased below.

> In the Daily Mail of 14 January there appears a press report which states that the Soviets are converting the "lost city" of Hatra in the Syrian desert into a fighter base and that the Roman built underground cisterns are being converted into shelters and storehouses. Also, the Soviets have built a powerful radio beacon at Palmyra, south of Hatra, and the beam is directed through Hatra, where there is a locator beacon, thence crosses through Turkey and cuts into the Soviet frontier "somewhere between Tiflis and Batum." Jets are supposed to be making night flights across Turkey and the Turks are admitting they are unable to intercept.

2. This is an unevaluated intelligence report passed on for your information only. The cable to the Project asked if there were anything to this report and stated that they were working on it.

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